

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 498  
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Mike Jopek

For the House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications  
Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 6.

**Following:** "DIOXIDE;"

**Insert:** "REVISING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS  
CONSERVATION;"

2. Title, page 1, line 17.

**Following:** "SECTIONS"

**Insert:** "2-15-3303,"

3. Page 7.

**Following:** line 27

**Insert:** "Section 7. Section 2-15-3303, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3303. Board of oil and gas conservation --  
composition -- allocation -- quasi-judicial. (1) There is a board  
of oil and gas conservation.

(2) The board consists of ~~seven~~ nine members, including:

(a) a geohydrologist;

(b) a geochemist;

(c) three of whom shall be from members representing the oil  
and gas industry and have had with at least 3 years' experience  
in the production of oil and gas and;

(d) two of whom shall be members who are landowners residing  
in oil or gas producing counties of the state but and who are not  
actively associated with the oil and gas industry, but with one  
of the two landowners shall be one who owns owning the mineral  
rights with the surface and the other landowner shall be one who  
does not own owning the mineral rights; and

(e) two additional members.

(3) The board is allocated to the department for  
administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121. However,  
the board may hire its own personnel, and 2-15-121(2)(d) does not  
apply. The board may also prescribe the duties and annual salary  
of four professional staff positions.

(4) The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board for  
purposes of 2-15-124."

{ Internal References to 2-15-3303:

15-36-303x

75-1-220x

82-10-301x

82-11-101x }"

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

4. Page 29, line 14.

**Strike:** "25"

**Insert:** "26"

5. Page 29, line 17.

**Strike:** "26"

**Insert:** "27"

**Strike:** "29"

**Insert:** "30"

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